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Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name
CASTLE HILLS ASC LP

Respondent Name
NEW HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE CO

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-16-0620-01

Carrier's Austin Representative
Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "the rates used were incorrect as they should have been calculated for the facility claim in accordance with 235% of Medicare's rate."

Amount in Dispute: $1,535.11

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "This review has been completed and it was found we only owe an additional $520.31. We are in the process of issuing this check and interest in the amount of $4.46."

Response Submitted by: Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
June 11, 2015	Ambulatory Surgical Care for CPT Code 26951	$1,535.11	$0.40

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and applicable rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402, effective August 31, 2008, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for ambulatory surgical care services.
3. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
   - P12-Workers compensation jurisdiction fee schedule adjustment.
   - 983-Charge for this procedure exceeds Medicare ASC schedule allowance.
   - W3-Additional payment made on appeal/reconsideration.

- 5056-Based on the receipt of additional information and/or clarification, we are recommending further payment be made for the above noted procedure code(s).

Issues

Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement for code 26951?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402(d) states, " For coding, billing, and reporting, of facility services covered in this rule, Texas workers' compensation system participants shall apply the Medicare payment policies in effect on the date a service is provided with any additions or exceptions specified in this section."

28 Texas Administrative Code §134.402(f)(1)(A) states, "The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare ASC reimbursement amount determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Payment System Policies for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Outpatient Prospective Payment System reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the *Federal Register*. Reimbursement shall be based on the fully implemented payment amount as in ADDENDUM AA, ASC COVERED SURGICAL PROCEDURES FOR CY 2008, published in the November 27, 2007 publication of the *Federal Register*, or its successor. The following minimal modifications apply: (1) Reimbursement for non-device intensive procedures shall be: (A) The Medicare ASC facility reimbursement amount multiplied by 235 percent."

According to Addendum AA, CPT code 26951 is a non-device intensive procedure.

The City Wage Index for San Antonio, TX is 0.8858.

The Medicare fully implemented ASC reimbursement for code 269510 CY 2015 is $673.27.

To determine the geographically adjusted Medicare ASC reimbursement for code 26951:

The Medicare fully implemented ASC reimbursement rate of $673.27 is divided by 2 = $336.63.

This number multiplied by the City Wage Index is $298.18.

Add these two together = $634.81.

To determine the MAR multiply the geographically adjusted Medicare ASC reimbursement by the DWC payment adjustment factor of 235%

$634.81 X 235% = $1,491.80.

The respondent paid $3,159.00. As a result, additional reimbursement of $0.40 is recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $0.40.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code Sections 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the services involved in this dispute. The Division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor the amount of $0.40 plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

Authorized Signature

		12/04/2015
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MFDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.